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FROM WASHINGTON.

MATTERS BEFORE CONGRESS.

Important Decision of the Supreme Court-Notes About Business Likely to Come Before Congress, &c., &c.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The number of commissions issued to fourth-class postmasters since the fourth of March last, is 13,425.

The Supreme Court of the United States today rendered its decision upon the petition of Paymaster General Joseph A. Smith, of the Navy Department, that the right of prohibition issue restraining the Secretary of the Navy from further proceedings against him by the court martial for offenses alleged to have been committed in connection with the administration of his functions as chief of Bureau of the Navy Department. The petition had been denied by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and this judgment is affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The court also rendered its decision in the three cases known as the Mississippi Railroad Commission cases. The judgments of the Circuit Court from which these are appeals, were reversed and the cases are remanded.

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A decision was rendered by the Supreme Court today in the case of John M. Stone and others, composing the Railroad Commission of the State of Mississippi against the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, appeal from the Circuit Court of the District of Mississippi. This is one of the Mississippi Railroad Commission cases.

The statute declares that railroads in the State are public highways over which all persons have equal rights, and makes any discrimination in rates a penal offense. It further provides for the appointment of a board of commissioners, and confers upon it the power of revising the tariff of charges and of exercising a certain degree of supervision over roads. Companies are required to make certain reports periodically to the commissioners. The officers of the roads are made liable to a fine for the violation of or non-compliance with provisions of the act, which fine may be collected through courts.

The argument in support of the decree is that the statute in the number on which the commissioners are to act, imposes the allegation of the charter contract of the company; that it is the regulation of commerce among States; that it denies the company equal protection of the laws and deprives it of its property without due process of law; that it confers both legislative and judicial powers upon the commission and is thus repugnant to the Constitution of Mississippi, and that it is void on its face by reason of its inconsistencies and uncertainties.

The Supreme Court finds that the charter of the company contains no contract or obligations which is in any way impaired by the statute under which the commissioners are to act. It finds that the commission is in express terms prohibited by act of the State Legislature from interfering with the charges of the company for transportation of persons or property through Mississippi, from one State to another. The Commissioners have as yet undertaken nothing in conflict with the Constitution of the United States. The great purpose, it says, of the statute in question, is to fix the maximum of charges and to regulate in some matters of police nature, the use of the railroads in the State. In its general scope it is constitutional and it applies equally to all persons or corporations owning or operating railroads in the State. The Supreme Court of Mississippi has already declared the statute is not repugnant to the constitution, and in this opinion the Supreme Court of the United States concurs. "It is difficult to understand," the opinion says in conclusion, "precisely on what ground we are expected to decide."

Heavy Failure in Charleston. CHARLESTON, Jan. 4.—Lewis Elias, dealer in boots and shoes, assigned today for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities estimated at \$40,000; assets \$30,000.

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the statute, as it now stands, is altogether void and inoperative. When the Commission has acted and proceedings are had to enforce what they have done, questions may arise as to the validity of some of the various provisions, which will be worthy of consideration, but we are unable to say that as a whole the statute is invalid. The decree of the Circuit Court was reversed and the cause remanded, with instructions to dismiss the bill. The opinion was delivered by the Chief Justice. Justices Field and Harlan dissented from certain of the opinions expressed by the Court in this case, but concurred in the judgment. Judge Blatchford did not set in this case or take any part in decision. In two cases, those of its John M. Stone et al Railroad Commissioners of Mississippi, appellants, vs. Ellerts; Central Railroad Company and the same appellants vs. New Orleans and Northwestern Railroad Company, decisions were rendered in accordance with the decisions in Stone vs. the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. Justice Blatchford took no part in these cases.

The most interesting and important feature of the present week in the House will be, of course, the announcement of the membership of the various committees, which will formulate the work to be done by the 49th Congress. Throughout the holiday recess, Speaker Carlisle has been busily engaged in forming the committees, and today he occupied one of the rooms at the capitol and denying himself to all callers, devoted himself to the completion of his task. Unless something unforeseen should happen, the result of his labors will be announced to the House tomorrow immediately after the reading of the journal. Then, in obedience to the order of the House, the call of States for the introduction of bills and resolutions will be resumed at the point where it was interrupted by the adjournment for the holidays. The call will probably not be completed until late Wednesday afternoon.

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The proposed legislation bill, to fix the salaries of judges of the district courts, and the resolution of inquiry with regard to the action of the authorities of Dakota are unfinished business of the Senate. The committees of that body are expected to begin work in earnest during the week, and it is expected that not much legislative work will be undertaken in the Senate other than the consideration of the two measures named. Probably a large part of the time of the Senate will be spent with closed doors in an endeavor to dispose of a great number of accumulated nominations.

It is said at the Treasury Department that the President will probably nominate an Assistant Treasurer for New York city tomorrow or next day, with the view of having a new appointee, and if he shall have been confirmed by the Senate he will assume charge of the sub treasury next Monday. The count of moneys and securities which began this morning will be continued without interruption until the completion and it is hoped that the formal transfer of the office to Acton's successor can be made during its progress.

Representative Belmont, of New York, has prepared a resolution which he will offer in the House of Representatives upon first opportunity for the appointment of a committee of nine members to enquire into the manner in which the civil service law has been executed and to suggest such modifications and improvements therein as may prove beneficial to the service.

SANCTIFICATION BY STARVATION.

Sixteenth Day of Thomas Green's Fast-A Congregation of Cranks.

PALMYRA CITY, Wis., Dec. 31.—This is the sixteenth day of Thos. Green's fast because of religious views, during which time he and his attendants claim he has entirely abstained from food or nourishment. He insists upon refusing food until he shall have become "sanctified." It also transpires that the Rev. Mr. Pitt, of Whitewater, who has charge of these meetings, claims to have eaten on two occasions only since Mr. Green began abstaining, and that several other members of the society are also fasting. The fast began at the instigation of the pastor, in order that his co-workers might receive more power to convert outsiders to their belief, the meetings having been entirely unsuccessful in that direction. The whole congregation seems to be on the point of starvation, some being scarcely able to walk owing to weakness, and it is feared death or insanity may result. Several members of the society have withdrawn from the meetings, thinking the matter is being carried too far.

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The End of the World.

According to the latest deductions from the occult sciences, the death of our planet and all it contains is definitely fixed for the year A. D. 2323. As well as is known, the music of the spheres is supposed to be produced by the revolution of their orbits of the seven planets, Mercury, Venus, the Earth, the Moon, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Dr. Pancoast, of Philadelphia, who is recognized as the greatest living authority on mystic and cabalistic lore, has constructed the "seven harmonies" seven cycles of the world's history, through the last of which the earth is now passing.

The first cycle in the series is that of Orpheus, the spirit of Saturn, which was a spirit of darkness, savagery and sanguinary influences, out of which physical humanity grew strong through conflict. The second is that of Aniel, the spirit of Venus, which was a period of voluptuousness, folly and debauchery, in which poetry took its rise and races grew populous. The third is that of Zachariel, the angel of Jupiter, an epoch of wars and enlightenment, in which government took its rise. The fourth is that of Raphael, the archangel of mercury, which was a time of industry and intelligence, in which science began and commerce prospered. The fifth is the cycle of Samiel, the angel of Mars, marking an era of corruption, bloodshed and destruction. The sixth is that of Gabriel, the so-called angel of the Moon, and epoch of recuperation, growth and building up of lost or weakened energies. The seventh cycle is that of Michael, the archangel of the Sun, marking an epoch of sociability, refinement, great intelligence and wealth.

Each cycle, according to Dr. Pancoast, consists of a period of 354 years and 4 months. Basing his horoscope on certain passages in the Apocalypse, he has found that the last cycle began in the year 1878, and that consequently the end of the cycle and the world also will have arrived 354 years hence, or in the year 2323. We are now in the cycle of Michael, and may expect the general winding up of our affairs some three centuries hence, when the great cataclysm is booked to occur. As a set-off to the unpleasantness, albeit truly scientific predictions of the learned Doctor, he announces that the year 1886 will be of exceptional business prosperity, in which large fortunes will be made. The era of prosperity will continue from the present year until the year 2055, when, as the Doctor himself would say professionally, there will be a change for the worse in the condition of our planet.

There is, however, something radically and scientifically wrong with Dr. Pancoast's theory. In the first place, he does not take into account our very oldest friends, Neptune and Uranus, who are the bass and baritone of the great star chorus of the universe. Either of them is old enough to be the grandfather of Saturn, who has been lugged in for the Pancoast purposes as the beginning of the "be all and end-all here." Neptune was born long before Saturn, the great celestial prize-fighter, stepped into the ring, or before Jupiter began to shine in all the glory of his military belts. The theory is also very crude in the respect that it makes no provision for the reception of those comets which are due at the great centre of the solar system after the year 2323. They will be going to no place in particular, according to the learned Doctor; and that of itself, considered mathematically, is sufficient to upset the Pancoast theory. Besides it destroys the beautiful story of the Millennium and the hobby of the Second Advent people and the vaticinations of the good Mother Shipton of oracular fame. Dr. Pancoast's theory is not destined to become a popular illusion.

Fire in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—The building on the corner of Carondelet and Julia streets, known since 1884 as the Southern Hotel, was destroyed by fire this morning. The inmates barely escaped with their lives and lost all their personal effects. The loss is estimated at \$17,000. It is reported that one man, believed to be Louis Kissner, a musician from Baltimore, perished in the flames.

Death of an ex-Congressman.

FARGO, DAKOTA, Jan. 4.—Hon. John B. Raymond, ex-Delegate to Congress from this Territory, died yesterday of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Raymond settled in the South after the war and published The Mississippi Pilot, at Jackson, Miss., until 1877.

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